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2. Expense

a) Samples in Leinen: d 3 \$100

+ outissem F-IF

+ outissem L-IF

+ Myppine

+ Kontrolle gegen

b) Samples von Leinen:

Kontrolle i. Back. + F-IF gegen → \$100

ii. Back gegen → L-IF → \$100

iii. Back \$100 + FIF

iv. id 10 min 37°C

v. Buffer + FIF

\* d 3 \$100

ab Ischering

serie net outissem

+ Kontrolle no non-innen

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Standard. I-IF + outissem

serie net Myppine - ab Ischering

- Kopp Lappin

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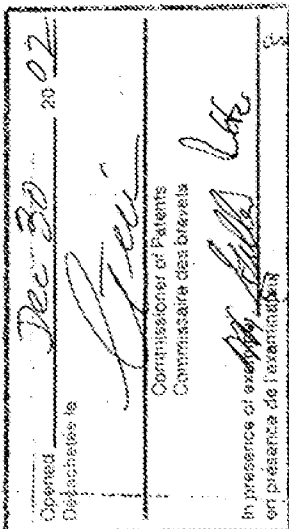
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27 + subserum

c) *Equisetum hyemale*

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SRK Allen

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Linear DNA

Acc I sites in INTERFERON

GTAGAC (c2)  
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GTATAC (c2)  
0  
GTCGAC (c2)  
0  
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Resulting fragment sizes :  
850  
Tabled according to length :  
850

Atu BI sites in INTERFERON

CCAGG (c2)  
462  
CCCGG (c2)  
388 430 552

Resulting fragment sizes :  
389 42 32 90 297  
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Acy I sites in INTERFERON

GGCGCC (c2)  
0  
GGCGTC (c2)  
0  
GACGCC (c2)  
287  
GACGTC (c2)  
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Resulting fragment sizes :  
288 562  
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562 288

Asu I sites in INTERFERON

GGGCC  
0

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GGACC (cl)  
 555  
 GGTCC (cl)  
 0  
 GGCCC (cl)  
 0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
 555 295  
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Ava I sites in INTERFERON

CCCGGG (cl)  
 0  
 CTCGGG (cl)  
 0  
 CCCGAG (cl)  
 0  
 CTCGAG (cl)  
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Resulting fragment sizes :  
 850  
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 850

Ava II sites in INTERFERON

GGACC (cl)  
 555  
 GGTCC (cl)  
 0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
 555 295  
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 555 295

Ava III sites in INTERFERON

ATGCAT (cx0)  
 0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
 850  
 Tabled according to length :  
 850

Avr II sites in INTERFERON

CCTAGG (cx0)  
 0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Alu I sites in INTERFERON

AGCT (c2)  
118 131 183 264

Resulting fragment sizes :  
119 13 52 81 585  
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585 119 81 52 13

Bam HI sites in INTERFERON

GGATCC (c1)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Bbv I sites in INTERFERON

GCTGC (cx0)  
265  
GCAGC (cx0)  
162 262 268

Resulting fragment sizes :  
161 100 3 3 583  
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Bcl I sites in INTERFERON

TGATCA (c1)  
0

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Bgl II sites in INTERFERON

AGATCT (c1)  
629

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Est EII sites in INTERFERON

GGTGACC (c1)  
0  
GGTAACC (c1)  
0  
GGTCACC (c1)  
0  
GGTTACC (c1)  
611

Resulting fragment sizes :  
611 239  
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Bal I sites in INTERFERON

TGGCCA (c3)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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850

Cla I sites in INTERFERON

ATCGAT (c2)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Cau II sites in INTERFERON

CCGGG (c2)  
0  
CCCGG (c2)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
850

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Tabled according to length :  
850

Pvu II sites in INTERFERON

CAGCTG (c3)  
263

Resulting fragment sizes :  
265 585  
Tabled according to length :  
585 265

Pst I sites in INTERFERON

CTGCAG (c5)  
266

Resulting fragment sizes :  
270 580  
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Rsa I sites in INTERFERON

GTAC (c2)  
533 717

Resulting fragment sizes :  
539 179 132  
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Sma I sites in INTERFERON

CCCGGG (c3)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Tabled according to length :  
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Sfa NI sites in INTERFERON

GATGC (cX0)  
310 639

GCATC (cX0)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
309 379 162  
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379 309 162

Sac I sites in INTERFERON

GAGCTC (c5)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Sac II sites in INTERFERON

CCGCGG (c4)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Sac III sites in INTERFERON

ACGT (cX0)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Sal I sites in INTERFERON

GTCGAC (c1)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Sph I sites in INTERFERON

GCATGC (c5)  
0



Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Taq I sites in INTERFERON

TCCGA (cl)  
9

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Xba I sites in INTERFERON

TCTAGA (cl)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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850

Xho I sites in INTERFERON

CFCGAG (cl)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Xho II sites in INTERFERON

AGATCC (cl)  
0  
AGATCT (cl)  
629  
GCATCC (cl)  
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GGATCT (cl)  
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Resulting fragment sizes :  
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Tabled according to length :  
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Xma I sites in INTERFERON

CCCGGG (cl)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :

850

Tabled according to length :

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Xma III sites in INTERFERON

CGGCCG (cl)  
0

Resulting fragment sizes :

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Tabled according to length :

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Bgl I sites in INTERFERON

GCCNNRNNGGC (c7)  
0

TthIII I sites in INTERFERON

GACNNNGTC (c4)  
0

Ecc B sites in INTERFERON

~~TCANNNNNNNNGTC~~ (cx0)  
0

TSANNNNNNNNTGCT (cx0)  
0

ASCANNNNNNNNTCA (cx0)  
0

Ecc K sites in INTERFERON

AACNNNNNNNGTGC (cx0)  
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GCACNNNNNNNTT (cx0)  
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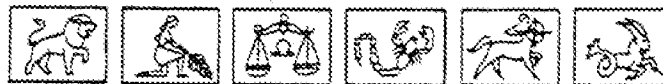
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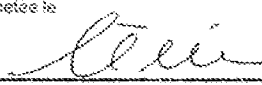
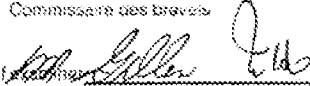
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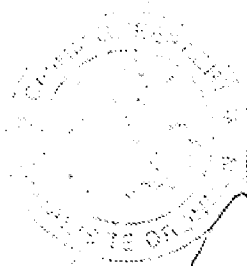
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Fibroblast interferon.

W. Fiers reports on the successful cloning of cDNA genes for fibroblast interferon.

An unsuspected finding was the presence in most clones of an additional sequence of inverted polarity.

The entire nucleotide and amino acid sequence was determined, from the study of 2 clones. It is planned to reconstruct one full gene from those 2 clones via a PST site.

A word of caution is presented on possible artefacts in assay for activity (induction of interferon synthesis by bacterial extracts).



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	0 <sub>1/7</sub>	0.5	0
		1.2	0*
		<0.2	0.5**
	0 <sub>1/8</sub>	0	1.7*
15		<0.2	1.2*
		0	0.7**
		0	1.0**

\* DEM cellulose paper method

\*\* Nitrocellulose sheets

20 Therefore, clone O<sub>1/8</sub> contains a recombinant DNA molecule capable of hybridizing F IF mRNA from total RNA containing F IF mRNA. Non-specific RNA-DNA binding is highly unlikely, because a comparison of Fractions 1A and 4A revealed substantially no non-specific binding of STNV DNA in these

25 same experiments. E.g. as monitored by translation in a rabbit reticulocyte lysate in the presence of <sup>35</sup>S-methionine, followed by gel electrophoresis, as described above. Clone O<sub>1/8</sub> was designated E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF1 ("G-HB101-pHFIF1"), its recombinant DNA molecule G-pBR322

30 (Pst)HcFIF1 ("pHFIF1") and its hybrid insert "pHFIF1 fragment". This nomenclature indicates that the clone and recombinant DNA molecule originated in Ghent ("G") and comprises plasmid pBR322 containing, at the PstI site HFIF cDNA ("HFIF"), the particular molecule being the first

35 located.

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IDENTIFICATION OF CLONES CONTAINING RECOMBINANT  
DNA-MOLECULES CROSS-HYBRIDIZING TO pHFIF1

pHFIF1, isolated above, was used to screen the library of clones, prepared previously, for bacterial clones containing recombinant DNA molecules having related hybrid DNA inserts, by colony hybridization (M. Grunstein and D.S. Hogness, "A Method For The Isolation Of Cloned DNA's That Contain A Specific Gene", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 72, pp. 3961-3965 (1975)). This method allows rapid identification of related clones by hybridization of a radioactive probe to the DNA of lysed bacterial colonies fixed in nitrocellulose filters.

The library of clones stored in microtiter plates as described above, was replicated on similar size nitrocellulose sheets (0.45  $\mu$ m pore-diameter, Schleicher and Schuel or Millipore), which had been previously boiled to remove detergent, and the sheets placed on LB-agar plates, containing tetracycline at 10  $\mu$ g/ml. Bacterial colonies were grown overnight at 37°C. Lysis and fixation of the bacteria on the nitrocellulose sheets took place by washing consecutively in 0.5 N NaOH (twice for 7 min), 1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) (7 min), 0.5 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) and 1.5 M NaCl (7 min), 2 x SSC (0.15 M NaCl, 0.015 M sodium citrate (pH 7.2)) (for 7 min)). After thorough rinsing with ethanol and air drying, the sheets were baked at 80°C for 2 h in vacuo and stored at room temperature.

A Hinf I restriction fragment specific for the pHFIF1 fragment (infra) served as the probe for colony hybridization, described infra. This fragment (~170 base-pairs) was purified by electrophoresis of the Hinf digestion products of pHFIF1 in a 6% polyacrylamide gel. After staining the DNA bands with ethidiumbromide, the specific fragment was eluted, reelectrophoresed and <sup>32</sup>P-labelled by "nick translation" (P.W.J. Rigby et al., "Labeling Deoxy-ribonucleic Acid To High Specific Activity In-Vitro By Nick Translation With DNA Polymerase I", J. Mol. Biol.,

113, pp. 237-251 (1977)) by incubation in 50  $\mu$ l 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 10 mM  $MgCl_2$ , 20 mM  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol, containing 2.5  $\mu$ l each of dCTP, dTTP and dGTP at 400  $\mu$ M, 100 pmoles  $\alpha$ - $^{32}P$ -ATP (Amersham, 2000 Ci/mole) and 2.5 units of DNA-polymerase I (Boehringer) at 14°C for 45 min. The unreacted deoxynucleoside triphosphates were removed by gel filtration over Sephadex G-50 in T.E. buffer. The highly  $^{32}P$ -labelled DNA was precipitated with 0.1 vol of 2 M sodium acetate (pH 5.1) and 2.5 vol of ethanol at -20°C.

Hybridization of the above probe to the filter impregnated DNA was carried out essentially as described by D. Hanaban and M. Meselson (personal communication): The filters, prepared above, were preincubated for 2 h at 68°C in 0.1% Ficoll, 0.1% polyvinylpyrrolidone, 0.1% bovine serum albumin, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.03 M Tris-HCl (pH 8), 1 mM EDTA, and rinsed with 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinylpyrrolidone, 0.02% bovine serum albumin, 0.75 M NaCl, 0.15 M Tris-HCl (pH 8), 5 mM EDTA and 0.5% SDS. The hybridization proceeded overnight at 68°C in a solution identical to the rinsing solution above using the  $^{32}P$ -labelled probe which had been denatured at 100°C for 5 min prior to use. The hybridized filters were washed twice with 0.3 M NaCl, 0.06 M Tris-HCl (pH 8), 2 mM EDTA for 2 h at 68°C before air drying and autoradiography.

About 1350 clones, originating from the 800-900 DNA size class, were screened. Thirteen colonies, including pHFIF1, gave a positive result. These clones were designated G-HB101-pHFIF1 to 13 and their recombinant DNA molecules pHFIF1 to 13. One of the clones, pHFIF2, was hybridized with poly(A) mRNA containing F IF mRNA and assayed using DBM-cellulose paper (supra). Because the total IF-RNA activity was detected in the hybridized fraction and the unhybridized RNA did not contain any detectable activity, it is clear that clones identified by colony hybridization to a part of the pHFIF1 fragment also hybridize to F IF mRNA.

It is, of course, evident that this method of clone screening may be employed equally well on other clones containing DNA sequences arising from recombinant DNA technology, synthesis, natural sources or a combination thereof or clones containing DNA sequences related to any of the above DNA sequences by mutation, including single or multiple, base substitutions, insertions, inversions, or deletions. Therefore, such DNA sequences and their identification also fall within this invention. It is also to be understood that DNA sequences, which are not screened by the above DNA sequences, yet which as a result of their arrangement of nucleotides code for those polypeptides coded for by the above DNA sequences also fall within this invention.

15 CHARACTERIZATION OF THE P IF-RELATED RECOMBINANT PLASMIDS.

The thirteen clones which were detected by colony hybridization were further characterized. A physical map of the inserts of these clones was constructed and the orientation of the inserts in the various clones was determined.

20 The physical maps of the plasmids were constructed by digestion with various restriction enzymes (New England Biolabs) in 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 7 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 7 mM β-mercaptoethanol at 37°C by well-known procedures. The products of digestion were electrophoresed in 2.2% agarose or 6% polyacrylamide gels in 40 mM Tris-HOAc (pH 7.8), 20 mM EDTA. They were analyzed after visualization by staining with ethidiumbromide and compared with the detailed physical map of pBR322 (J.G. Sutcliffe, *supra*). Restriction maps of the different plasmids were constructed on the basis of these digestion patterns. These were refined by sequencing the DNA inserts in various of the plasmids, substantially by the procedure of A.M. Maxam and W. Gilbert, "A New Method For Sequencing DNA", *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 74, pp. 560-564 (1977).

35 Plasmid DNA was prepared from various of the pHFIF1-13 in accordance with this invention by the method

of Kahn et al. (*supra*), employed previously herein to isolate the DNA from the sets of clones for screening. The isolated form I DNA was purified by neutral sucrose-gradient centrifugation as before and restricted by various  
5 restriction enzymes, essentially as recommended by the supplier (New England Biolabs).

Restricted DNA was dephosphorylated for 30 min at 65°C in the presence of 4 units bacterial alkaline phosphatase and 0.1% SDS. Following two phenol extractions and  
10 ethanol precipitation, the DNA was 5'-terminally labelled with  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>P-ATP (~3000 Ci/mole) and polynucleotide kinase (P-L Biochemicals, Inc.).

For sequencing, labelled fragments were handled in two ways. Some were purified on a polyacrylamide gel  
15 prior to cleavage with a second restriction enzyme. Others were immediately cleaved with a second restriction enzyme. In both cases the desired fragments were separated on a polyacrylamide gel in Tris-borate-EDTA buffer. Figure 7 displays the various restriction fragments (the circles  
20 indicating the label and the arrow the direction of sequencing) and the sequencing strategy employed using pHFIF1, pHFIF3, pHFIF6 and pHFIF7.

The fragments were degraded according to the method of A.M. Maxam and W. Gilbert (*supra*). The products  
25 were fractionated on polyacrylamide gels of various concentrations and lengths in 50 mM Tris-borate, 1 mM EDTA (pH 8.3) at 900 V to 2000 V.

Each stretch of cDNA insert was sequenced from both strands and each restriction site which served as  
30 labelled terminus was sequenced using a fragment spanning it. The composite nucleotide sequence thus obtained for the coding strand of F IF DNA or gene and its corresponding amino acid sequence is depicted in Fig. 4. Because none of plasmids pHFIF1-13 contained the complete gene for  
35 fibroblast interferon, Fig. 4 results from a combination of the data from at least two such plasmids. In this regard, Fig. 5 displays the relationship of inserts pHFIF1,

pHFIF3, pHFIF6 and pHFIF7, the solid arrows or chevrons indicating the orientation of the various parts of the inserts.

Referring now to Fig. 4, the heteropolymeric  
5 part of the insert is flanked on one end by a segment rich in T's and by a string of A's (probably reflecting the polyA terminus of the mRNA). For reference the insert is numbered from first nucleotide of the composite insert to a nucleotide well into the untranslated  
10 section of the insert. An ATG initiation triplet at position 65-67 and a TGA termination triplet at position 626-628 define a reading frame uninterrupted by nonsense codons. Any other translatable sequence, i.e., in different reading frames, flanked by an ATG or a GTG and a termination signal is too short to code for a polypeptide of  
15 the expected size of F IF. Therefore, the region between nucleotides 65 and 625 most likely includes the nucleotide sequence for the composite gene that codes for F IF in accordance with this invention. This sequence does not  
20 exclude the possibility that modifications to the gene such as mutations, including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, insertions, or inversions may not have already occurred in the gene or may not be employed subsequently to modify its properties.

25 It should of course be understood that cloned cDNA from polyA RNA by the usual procedures (A. Efstratiadis et al., supra) lacks 5'-terminal nucleotides and may even contain artifactual sequences (R.I. Richards et al., "Molecular Cloning And Sequence Analysis Of Adult Chicken  $\delta$ -  
30 Globin cDNA", Nucleic Acids Research, 7, pp. 1137-46 (1979)). Therefore, it is not certain that the ATG located at nucleotides 65-67 is in fact the first ATG of authentic mRNA. However, for the purposes of the following description, it is assumed that the ATG at nucleotides 65-67 is the first  
35 ATG of authentic F IF DNA.

By comparing the polypeptide coded by this region of the insert with that sequence of 13 amino-terminal amino

acids of authentic human fibroblast interferon --MetSerTyr  
AsnLeuLeuGlyPheLeuGlnArgSerSer-- determined by Knight et al.  
(supra), it appears that the chosen reading frame is correct  
and that nucleotides 65-127 may code for a signal sequence  
5 which precedes the nucleotide sequence coding for the  
"mature" polypeptide. In addition, in eukaryotic mRNAs  
the first AUG triplet from the 5' terminus is usually the  
initiation site for protein synthesis (M. Kozak, "How Do  
Eukaryotic Ribosomes Select Initiation Regions In Messenger  
10 RNA?", Cell, 15, pp. 1109-25 (1978)). Here, the codon in  
the composite fragment corresponding to the first amino acid  
of fibroblast interferon is 22 codons from the first ATG.  
This again suggests that the DNA sequence coding for fibro-  
blast interferon may be preceded by a sequence determining  
15 a signal polypeptide of 21 amino acids. The presumptive  
signal sequence contains a series of hydrophobic amino  
acids. An accumulation of hydrophobic residues is charac-  
teristic of signal sequences (cf., E.D. Davis and P.C.  
Tai, "The Mechanism Of Protein Secretion Across Membranes",  
20 Nature, 283, pp. 433-38 (1980)).

The nucleotide sequence apparently corresponding  
to "mature" F IF polypeptide comprises 498 nucleotides,  
which code for 166 amino acids. Assuming that there is no  
carboxyterminal processing, the molecular weight of the  
25 interferon polypeptide is 20085. The base composition  
of the coding sequence is 45% G+C. The codon usage within  
the interferon coding sequence is in reasonable agreement  
with that compiled for mammalian mRNAs in general (E.  
Grantham et al., "Coding Catalog Usage And The Genome  
30 Hypothesis", Nucleic Acids Research, 8, pp. 49-62 (1980)).  
Any deviations observed may be ascribed to the small numbers  
involved.

The structure of the polypeptide depicted in Fig.  
4 for the composite fragment, of course, does not take  
35 into account any modifications to the polypeptide caused  
by its interaction with in vivo enzymes, e.g., glycosyla-  
tion. Therefore, it must be understood that this structure  
may not be identical with F IF produced in vivo.

The comparison of the first 13 amino acids of authentic fibroblast interferon (Knight et al., supra) and the sequence deduced from the composite gene of Fig. 4 shows no differences. The amino acid compositions determined directly for authentic fibroblast interferon on the one hand and that deduced from the sequence of the composite gene of this invention on the other also show substantial similarities. Fig. 6 displays a comparison of these compositions.

Although none of the recombinant DNA molecules prepared in accordance with this invention contain the complete DNA sequence for fibroblast interferon, a combination of portions of the inserts of these recombinant DNA molecules to afford the complete F IF DNA gene sequence is within the skill of the art. For example, by reference to Fig. 5, it can readily be seen that the PstI-BglII fragment of pHFIF6 could be joined with the PstI-HaeII fragment of pHFIF7 or the EcoRI-PstI fragment of pHFIF6 could be joined with the PstI-HaeII fragment of pHFIF7 or the BglII-PstI fragment of pHFIF6 could be joined with the PstI-BglII fragment of clone 7 to form the composite F IF gene. The joining of these fragments could be done before or after insertion into a desired plasmid.

Micro-organisms and recombinant DNA molecules prepared by the processes described herein are exemplified by cultures deposited in the culture collection Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen in Göttingen, West Germany on April 2, 1980, and identified as HFIF-A to C:

- A: E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3)
- B: E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6)
- C: E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF7)

These cultures were assigned accession numbers DSM 1791-1793, respectively.

While we have herein before presented a number of embodiments of this invention, it is apparent that our basic construction can be altered to provide other embodiments which utilize the processes and compositions of this invention. Therefore, it will be appreciated that the



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scope of this invention is to be defined by the claims appended hereto rather than the specific embodiments which have been presented herein before by way of example.

CLAIMS

1. A recombinant DNA molecule characterized by a structural gene selected from the group comprising the DNA inserts of G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3, G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6  
5 or pBR322(Pst)/HFIF7, DNA sequences which hybridize to any of the foregoing DNA inserts, or DNA sequences, from whatever source obtained, including natural, synthetic, or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation, including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, inser-  
10 tions and inversions, to any of the foregoing DNA sequences or inserts.

2. A recombinant DNA molecule characterized by a structural gene having the formula: ATGACCAACAAGTGTCTC  
CTCCAAATTGCTCTCTCTTTGTGCTTCTCCACTACAGCTCTTTCCATGAGCTACAAC  
15 TTGCTTGGATTCCCTACAAAGAAGCAGCAATTTTCAGTGTGAGAAGCTCCTGTGGCAA  
TTGAATGGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCCTCAAGCACAGGATGAACCTTTGACATCCCTGAG  
GAGATTAAAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCCAGAAGGAGGACGCCGATTGACCATCTATGAG  
ATGCTCCAGAACATCTTTGCTATTTTCAGACAAGATTTCATCTAGCACTGGCTGGAAT  
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20 ACAGTCTTGAAGAAAACTGGAGAAAGAAGATTTTACCAGGGCAAACTCATCAGC  
AGTCTGCACCTGAAAAGATATTATGGGAGGATTCTGCATTACCTGAAGGCCAAGGAG  
TACAGTCACTGTGCCTGGACCATACTCAGAGTGGAAATCCTAAGCAACTTTTACTTC  
ATTAAACAGACTTACAGGTTACCTCCGAAAC.

3. A recombinant DNA molecule characterized by  
25 a structural gene having the formula: ATGAGCTACAACCTTGCTT  
GGATTCCCTACAAAGAAGCAGCAATTTTCAGTGTGAGAAGCTCCTGTGCCAATTGAAT  
GGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCCTCAAGCACAGGATGAACCTTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATT  
AAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCCAGAAGGAGGACGCCGATTGACCATCTATGAGATGCTC  
CAGAACATCTTTGCTATTTTCAGACAAGATTTCATCTAGCACTGGCTGGAATGAGACT  
30 ATTGTTGAGAACCTCCTGGCTAATGTCTATCATCAGATAAACCATCTGAAGACAGTC  
CTGGAAGAAAACTGGAGAAAGAAGATTTTACCAGGGGAAAACTCATGAGCAGTCTG  
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CACTGTGCCTGGACCATACTCAGAGTGGAAATCCTAAGCAACTTTTACTTCATTAAC  
AGACTTACAGGTTACCTCCGAAAC.

35 4. The recombinant DNA molecule according to claims 1 to 3, wherein the molecule comprises a cloning vehicle having a first and a second restriction endonu-

cleave recognition site, said structural gene being inserted between the first and second restriction sites.

5. A recombinant DNA molecule according to claims 1 to 4, selected from the group comprising
- 3 G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3, G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6 or G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF7, molecules whose DNA inserts hybridize to the DNA inserts in any of the foregoing molecules, or molecules, from whatever source obtained, including natural, synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation,
- 10 including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, insertions and inversions to the DNA inserts from any of the foregoing molecules.
6. A recombinant DNA molecule characterized by a structural gene comprising a sequence of codons which
- 15 codes for a polypeptide similar in amino acid sequence to those coded for by the codons of a structural gene selected from the group of genes of the formula: ATGACCAACAAGTGTCTC
- CTCCAAATTGCTCTCTCTGTTGTGCTTCTCCACTACAGCTCTTTCCATGAGCTACAAC
- TTGCTTGGATTCTTACAAAGAAGCAGCAATTTTCAGTGTGAGAAGCTCCTGTGGCAA
- 20 TTGAATGGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCCCTCAAGCACAGGATGAACCTTGACATCCCTGAG
- GAGATTAAAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCCAGAAGGAGGACGCCGCTTGCACATCTATGAG
- ATGCTCCACAACATCTTTGCTATTTTCAGACAAGATTTCATCTAGCACTGGCTGGAAT
- GAGACTATTGTTGAGAACCCTCCTGGCTAATGTCTATCATCAGATAAACCATCTGAAG
- ACAGTCTCTGGAAGAAAACTGGAGAAAGAAGATTTACCAGGGGAAAACTCATGAGC
- 25 AGTCTGCACCTGAAAAGATATTATGGGAGGATTCTGCATTACCTGAAGGCCAAGGAG
- TACAGTCACTGTGCTGGACCATAGTCAGACTGGAAATCCTAAGGAACTTTTACTTC
- ATTAAACAGACTTACAGGTTACCTCCGAAAC, ATGAGCTACAACCTTGCTTGGATTCC
- TACAAAGAAGCGCAATTTTCAGTGTGAGAAGCTCCTGTGGCAATTGAATGGGAGGC
- TTGAATACTGCCCTCAAGCACAGGATGAACCTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATTAAGCAGC
- 30 TGCAGCAGTTCCAGAAGGAGGACGCCGCTTGCACATCTATGAGATGCTCCAGAACA
- TCTTTGCTATTTTCAGACAAGATTTCATCTAGCACTGGCTGGAATGAGACTATTGTTG
- AGAACCTCCTGGCTAATGTCTATCATCAGATAAACCATCTGAAGACAGTCTCTGGAAG
- AAAAACTGGAGAAAGAAGATTTACCAGGGGAAAACTCATGAGCAGTCTGCACCTGA
- AAAGATATTATGGGAGGATTCTGCATTACCTGAAGGCCAAGGAGTACAGTCACTGTG
- 35 CCTGGACCATAGTCAGAGTGGAAATCCTAAGGAACTTTTACTTCATTAAACAGACTTA
- CAGGTTACCTCCGAAAC, DNA sequences which hybridize to any of the foregoing genes or DNA sequences, and DNA sequences

from whatever source obtained, including natural, synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation, including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, insertions and inversions, to any of the foregoing genes or sequences..

7. A host transformed with at least one recombinant DNA molecule according to any of the preceding claims.

8. The transformed host of claim 7 characterized in that the host is selected from the group comprising strains of E. coli, Pseudomonas, Bacillus subtilis, Bacillus stearothermophilus, other bacilli, yeasts, other fungi, animal and plant hosts or human tissue cells.

9. The transformed host according to claims 7 to 8, characterized in that it comprises E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3), E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6), or E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF7).

10. A gene selected from the group comprising the DNA inserts of G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3, G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6 or G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF7, DNA sequences which hybridize to any of the foregoing DNA inserts, or DNA sequences, from whatever source obtained, including natural, synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation, including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, insertions and inversions to any of the foregoing DNA sequences or inserts.

11. A gene selected from the group of genes of the formula: ATGACCAACAAGTGTCTCCTCCAAATTGCTCTCCTGTTGTGCT  
TCTCCACTACAGCTCTTTCCATGAGCTACAACCTTGCTTGGATTCTACAAAGAAGCA  
GCAATTTTTCAGTGTTCAGAAGCTCCTGTGGCAATTGAATGGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCC  
TCAAGCACAGGATGAACCTTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATTAAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCC  
ACAAGGAGGACGCCGCTTGAACCTCTATGAGATGCTCCAGAACATCTTTGCTATTT  
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CGCATTGACCATCTATGAGATGCTCCAGAACATCTTTGCTATTTTCAGACAAGATTG  
ATCTAGCACTGGCTGCAATGAGACTATTGTTGAGAACCTCCTGCTAATGTCTATCA  
5 TCAGATAAACCATCTGAAGACAGTCCCTGGAAGAAAACTGGAGAAAGAAGATTTCAC  
CAGGGGAAAACTCATGAGCAGTCTGCACCTGAAAAGATATTATGGGAGGATTCTGCA  
TTACCTGAAGGCCAAGGAGTACAGTCACTGTGCTGGACCATACTCAGAGTGGAAAT  
CCTAAGGAACTTTTACTTCATTAAACAGACTTACAGGTIACCTCCGAAAC, DNA se-  
quences which hybridize to any of the foregoing genes, DNA  
10 sequences, from whatever source obtained, including natural,  
synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation,  
including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions,  
insertions and inversions to any of the foregoing genes or  
DNA sequences, or genes comprising a sequence of codons  
15 which codes for a polypeptide similar in amino acid sequence  
to those coded for by any of the foregoing DNA sequences or  
genes.

12. A screening process for DNA sequences char-  
acterized by the step of determining whether said DNA se-  
20 quence hybridizes to at least one of the DNA inserts of  
G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3, G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6 or G-pBR322(Pst)/  
HFIF7, DNA sequences which hybridize to any of the fore-  
going DNA inserts and DNA sequences, from whatever source  
obtained, including natural, synthetic or semi-synthetic  
25 sources, related by mutation, including single or multiple,  
base substitutions, deletions, inversions and insertions  
to any of the foregoing DNA inserts or sequences.

13. A screening process for DNA sequences char-  
acterized by the step of determining whether said DNA se-  
30 quences hybridizes to at least one of a gene selected from  
the group of ATGACCAACAAGTGTCTCCTCCAAATTGCTCTCCTGTTGTGCT  
TCTCCACTACAGCTCTTTCCATGAGCTACAACTTGCTTGGATTCCCTACAAAGAAGCA  
GCAATTTTCAGTGTGACAAGCTCCTGTGCAATTGAATGGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCC  
TCAAGCACAGGATGAACCTTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATTAAAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCC  
35 AGAAGGAGGACGCGCATTGACCATCTATGAGATGCTCCAGAACATCTTTGCTATTT  
TCAGACAAGATTCTAGCACTGGCTGCAATGAGACTATTGTTGAGAACTCCTGG  
CTAATGTCTATCAICAGATAAACCATCTGAAGACAGTCCCTGGAAGAAAACTGGAGA  
AAGAAGATTTTACCAGGGGAAAACTCATGAGCAGTCTGCACCTGAAAAGATATTATG

GGAGGATTCCTGCATTACCTGAAGGCCAAGGAGTACAGTCACTGTGCCTGGACCATAG  
 TCAGAGTGGAAATCCTAAGGAACCTTTTACTTCATTAACAGACTTACAGGTTACCTCC  
 GAAAC, ATGAGCTACAACCTTGCTTGGATTCTTACAAAGAAGCAGCAATTTTCACTG  
 TCAGAAGCTCCTGTGGCAATTGAATGGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCCTCAAGCACAGGAT  
 5 GAACCTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATTAAGCAGCTGCAGCACTTCCAGAAGGAGGACCC  
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 10 TTACCTGAAGGCCAAGGAGTACAGTCACTGTGCCTGGACCATAGTCAAGTGGAAAT  
 CCTAAGGAACCTTTTACTTCATTAACAGACTTACAGGTTACCTCCGAAAC, DNA se-  
 quences which hybridize to any of the foregoing genes, DNA  
 sequences, from whatever source obtained, including natural,  
 synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation,  
 15 including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions,  
 insertions and inversions to any of the foregoing genes or  
 DNA sequences.

14. The process of any of claims 12 to 13 char-  
 acterized in that the DNA sequence screened is selected  
 20 from the group comprising DNA sequences from natural  
 sources, synthetic DNA sequences, DNA sequences from  
 recombinant DNA molecules or DNA sequences, which are a  
 combination of the foregoing.

15. A method for producing a DNA sequence com-  
 25 prising the steps of preparing a recombinant DNA molecule  
 characterized by an inserted structural gene, said gene  
 being selected from the group comprising the DNA inserts  
 of G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3, G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6 or G-pBR322  
 (Pst)/HFIF7, DNA sequences which hybridize to any of the  
 30 foregoing DNA inserts, or DNA sequences, from whatever  
 source obtained, including natural, synthetic or semi-  
 synthetic sources related by mutation, including single  
 or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, insertions  
 and inversions, to any of the foregoing DNA sequences or  
 35 inserts, or DNA inserts which comprise a sequence of  
 codons which code for a polypeptide similar in amino  
 acid sequence to those polypeptides coded for by any of

the foregoing DNA inserts or sequences; transforming an appropriate host with said recombinant DNA molecule; culturing said host; and separating said DNA sequences.

16. A method for producing a DNA sequence comprising the steps of culturing a host transformed with at least one recombinant DNA molecule selected from the group comprising G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3, G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6, or G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF7, molecules whose DNA inserts hybridize to the DNA inserts of any of the foregoing molecules, molecules whose DNA inserts, from whatever source obtained, including natural, synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, are related by mutation, including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, insertions and inversions to the DNA inserts of any of the foregoing molecules, or molecules whose DNA inserts comprise a sequence of codons which code for a polypeptide similar in amino acid sequence to those polypeptides coded for by the DNA inserts of any of the foregoing molecules.

17. A method for producing a DNA sequence comprising the steps of preparing a recombinant DNA molecule characterized by an inserted structural gene, said gene being selected from the group comprising

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ATGACCAACAAGTGTCTCTCTCCAAATTGCTCTCTCTGTTGTGCT
TCTCCACTACAGCTCTTTCCATGAGCTACAACCTTGGATTCTTACAAAGAAGCA
GCAATTTTCAGTGTTCAGAAGCTCTCTGTGGCAATTGAATGGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCC
TCAAGCACAGGATGAACTTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATTAAAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCC
AGAAGGAGGACGCCCGCATTGACCATCTATGAGATGCTCCAGAACATCTTTGCTATTT
TCAGACAAGATTTCATCTAGCACTGGCTGGAATGAGACTATTGTTGAGAACCCTCTGG
CTAATGTCTATCATCAGATAAACCATCTGAAGACAGTCCTGGAAGAAAAACTGGAGA
AAGAAGATTTTCAACAGCGGAAAACTCATGAGCACTCTGCACCTGAAAAGATATTATG
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TCAGAGTGGAAATCCTAAGCAACTTTTACTTCATTAACAGACTTACAGGTTACCTCC
GAAAC, ATGAGCTACAACCTTGGTTGGATTCTTACAAAGAAGCAGCAATTTTCAGTG
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CCTAAGGAACTTTTACTTCATTAAACAGACTTACAGGTTACCTCCGAAAC, DNA se-  
quences which hybridize to any of the foregoing genes. DNA  
5 sequences, from whatever source obtained, including natural,  
synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation,  
including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions,  
insertions and inversions to any of the foregoing genes or  
DNA sequences, or DNA sequences comprising a sequence of  
10 codons which codes for a polypeptide similar in amino acid  
sequence to those polypeptides coded for by the codons of  
any of the foregoing genes or DNA sequences; transforming  
an appropriate host with said recombinant DNA molecule;  
culturing said host and separating said DNA sequence.

15 18. A method for producing a DNA sequence com-  
prising the step of culturing a host transformed with at  
least one recombinant DNA molecule selected from the group  
comprising molecules whose DNA inserts are selected from the  
group of genes comprising

20 ATGACCAACAAGTGTCTCCTCCAAATTGCTCTCTGTTGTGCT  
TCTCCACTACAGCTCTTTCCATGAGCTACAACCTGCTTGGATTCTACAAAAGAAGCA  
GCAATTTTTCAGTGTGAGAAGCTCCTGTGGCAATTGAATGGGAGGCTTGAATACTGCC  
TCAAGCACAGGATGAACCTTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATTAAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCC  
AGAAGGAGGACGCCGATTGACCATCTATGAGATCCTCCAGAACATCTTTGCTATTT  
25 TCAGACAAGATTGATCTAGCACTGGCTGGAATGAGACTATTGTTGAGAACCCTCCTGG  
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AAGAAGATTTTACCAGGGGAAAACATCAGCAGCTCTGCACCTGAAAAGATATTATG  
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GAACCTTTGACATCCCTGAGGAGATTAAGCAGCTGCAGCAGTTCCAGAAGGAGGACGC  
CGCATTGACCATCTATGAGATGCTCCAGAACATCTTTGCTATTTTTCAGACAAGATTTC  
ATCTAGCACTGGCTGGAATGAGACTATTGTTGAGAACCCTCCTGGCTAATGTCTATCA  
35 TCAGATAAACCATCTGAAGACAGTCTGGAAGAAAAAAGTGGAGAAAGAAGATTTTCAC  
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quences which hybridize to any of the foregoing genes, DNA sequences, from whatever source obtained, including natural, synthetic or semi-synthetic sources, related by mutation, including single or multiple, base substitutions, deletions, 5 insertions and inversions to any of the foregoing genes or DNA sequences or DNA sequences which code for a polypeptide similar in amino acid sequence to those polypeptides coded for by any of the foregoing genes or DNA sequences.

19. The method of any of claims 15 to 18 characterized in that the host is selected from the group comprising strains of E. coli, Pseudomonas, Bacillus subtilis, Bacillus stearothermophilus, other bacilli, yeasts, other 10 fungi, animal and plant hosts, or human tissue cells.

RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES AND THEIR USE  
IN PRODUCING STRUCTURAL GENES FOR HUMAN  
FIBROBLAST INTERFERON

ABSTRACT

5           Recombinant DNA molecules and hosts transformed  
with them which contain and produce structural genes for  
human fibroblast interferon and methods of making and using  
these molecules, host and genes. The recombinant DNA mol-  
ecules are characterized by structural genes for human  
10 fibroblast interferon and fragments thereof.

Fig. 4

<sup>-20</sup>  
 Met-Thr-Asn-Lys-Cys-Leu-Gln-Ile-Ala-Leu-Leu-<sup>-10</sup>  
 GCA CCTTCGAG CCTTCGCT GGCACACAG GAGTAGGCG ACACGCTGCG TGTGCTGAC ATG, ACC, AAC, AAG, TGT, CTC, CTC, CAA, ATT, GCT, CTC, CTG, 300  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 Leu-Cys-Phe-Ser-Thr-Thr-Ala-Leu-Ser-Met-Ser-Tyr-Asn-Leu-Gly-Phe-Leu-Gln-Arg-Ser-Ser-Asn-Phe-Gln-Lys-Gln-Lys-Leu-<sup>20</sup>  
 TTG, TGC, TGC, ACT, ACA, GCT, CTT, TCC, ATG, AGC, TAC, AAC, TTG, CGA, TTC, CTA, CAA, ACA, AGC, AAT, TTT, CAG, TGT, CAG, AAG, CTC, CTG, 390  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 Trp-Gln-Leu-Asn-Gly-Arg-Leu-Glu-Tyr-Cys-Leu-Lys-Asp-Arg-Met-Asn-Phe-Asp-Ile-Pro-Glu-Glu-Ile-Lys-Gln-Leu-Gln-Gly-Phe-Gln-<sup>30</sup>  
 TGG, CAA, TTG, AAT, GGG, AGG, CTT, GAA, TAC, TGC, CTC, ATG, GAC, AGG, ATG, AAC, TTT, GAC, ATC, CCT, GAG, GAG, ATT, AAG, CAG, CTG, CAG, CAG, 280  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 Lys-Glu-Asp-Ala-Leu-Thr-Ile-Tyr-Glu-Met-Leu-Gln-Asn-Ile-Phe-Ala-Ile-Phe-Arg-Gln-Asp-Ser-Ser-Ser-Thr-Gly-Trp-Asn-Glu-<sup>40</sup>  
 TAG, GAG, GAC, GCC, GCA, TTG, ACC, ATC, TAT, GAG, ATG, CTC, CAG, AAC, ATC, TTT, GCT, ATG, TTC, AGA, CAA, GAT, TCA, TCT, AGC, ACT, GGC, TGG, AAT, GAG, 370  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 Thr-Ile-Val-Glu-Asn-Leu-Ala-Asn-Val-Tyr-His-Gln-Ile-Asn-His-Leu-Lys-Thr-Val-Leu-Glu-Glu-Lys-Leu-Glu-Lys-Glu-Asp-Phe-<sup>50</sup>  
 CT, ATT, GTT, GAG, AAC, CTC, CTG, GCT, AAT, GTC, TAT, CAT, CAG, ATA, AAC, CAT, CTG, AAG, ACA, GTC, CTG, GAA, GAA, AAA, CTG, GAG, GAT, TTC, 480  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 Thr-Arg-Gly-Lys-Leu-Met-Ser-Ser-Leu-His-Leu-Lys-Arg-Tyr-Tyr-Gly-Arg-Ile-Leu-His-Tyr-Leu-Lys-Ala-Lys-Glu-Tyr-Ser-His-Cys-<sup>60</sup>  
 CC, AGG, GGA, AAA, CTC, ATG, AGC, AGT, CTG, CAC, CTG, AAA, AGA, TAT, TAT, GGG, AGG, AAT, CTG, CAT, TAC, CTG, AAG, GCC, AAG, GAG, TAC, AGT, CAC, TGT, 550  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 Ala-Trp-Thr-Ile-Val-Arg-Val-Glu-Ile-Leu-Arg-Asn-Phe-Tyr-Phe-Ile-Asn-Arg-Leu-Thr-Gly-Tyr-Leu-Arg-Asn-<sup>70</sup>  
 CC, TGG, ACC, ATA, GTC, AGA, GTC, GAA, ATC, CTA, AGG, AAC, TTT, TAC, TTG, ATT, AAC, AGA, CTA, ACA, GGT, TAC, CTC, CGA, AAC TGA AGATCTCCCTA GCCTG, 643  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 CCT CTGGGACTGG ACAATTCCTT CAAGCATTCCT TCAACCCAGCA TATGCTGTTT AAGTACATGA TGGCTAATGT ACTGCATATG AAGGACACT AGAGATTTT GAAAT, 783  
<sup>-1</sup> <sup>1</sup>  
 TTA TTAATATG AGTATTTT ATTATTTA ATTTATTTT GGAAAAATAA TTA TTTTGG TGCAAAAGTC AAAAAAAA, ...

# AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF HUMAN FIBROBLAST INTERFERON

Amino Acid	Composition			
	from direct analysis by Tan et al.	from direct analysis by Knight et al.	deduced from nucleotide sequence	
Asp			5	17
Asn	20.6	18.9	12	
Thr	8.0	6.8	7	
Ser	11.7	10.5	9	
Glu			13	
Gln	27.5	27.0	11	24
Pro	4.4	2.7	1	
Gly	5.4	7.8	6	
Ala	9.3	10.0	6	
Cys	N.D.	1.7	3	
Val	7.9	6.0	5	
Met	trace	2.9	4	
Ile	10.0	9.0	11	
Leu	26.9	20.4	24	
Tyr	3.2	7.5	10	
Phe	7.7	9.4	9	
His	4.6	4.9	5	
Lys	12.3	11.6	11	
Arg	8.6	10.9	11	
Trp	0.0	1.0	3	
TOTAL	168	169	166	

Fig. 6

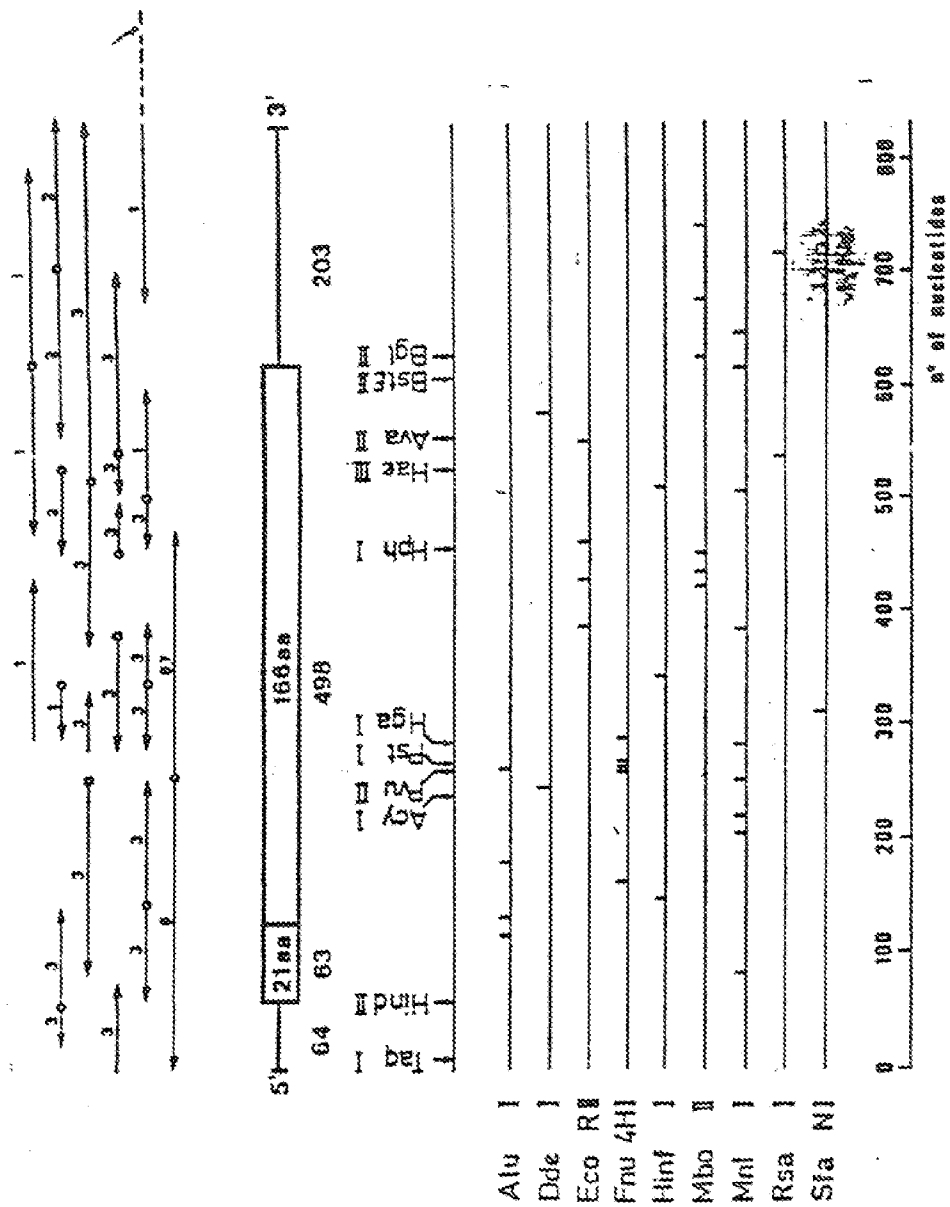
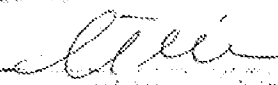



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RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES AND THEIR USE IN PRODUCING  
STRUCTURAL GENES FOR HUMAN FIBROBLAST INTERFERON

TECHNICAL FIELD OF INVENTION

This invention relates to recombinant DNA  
5 molecules and their use in producing structural genes  
for human fibroblast interferon. The recombinant DNA  
molecules disclosed herein are characterized by DNA  
sequences that code for polypeptides whose amino acid  
sequence and composition are substantially consistent  
10 with human fibroblast interferon.

BACKGROUND ART

Two classes of interferons ("IF") are known to  
exist. Interferons of Class I are small, acid stable  
(glyco)-proteins that render cells resistant to viral  
15 infection (A. Isaacs and J. Lindenmann, "Virus Inter-  
ference I. The Interferon", Proc. Royal Soc. Ser. B.,  
147, pp. 258-67 (1967) and W. E. Stewart, II, The  
Interferon System, Springer-Verlag (1979) (hereinafter  
"The Interferon System"). Class II IFs are acid labile.  
20 At present, they are poorly characterized. Although to  
some extent cell specific (The Interferon System,  
pp. 135-45), IFs are not virus specific. Instead, IFs  
protect cells against a wide spectrum of viruses.

Two antigenically distinct species of Class I  
25 human interferon ("HIF") are known to exhibit IF activity.  
One IF species, fibroblast interferon ("F IF"), is  
produced upon appropriate induction in diploid fibroblast  
cells. Another IF species, leukocyte interferon ("Le IF")  
is produced together with minor amounts of F IF upon  
30 appropriate induction in human leukocyte and lympho-  
blastoid cells. Both are heterogeneous in regard to  
size, presumably because of the carbohydrate moiety.  
F IF has been extensively purified and characterized

- (E. Knight, Jr., "Interferon: Purification And Initial Characterization From Human Diploid Cells", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 73, pp. 520-23 (1976)). It is a glycoprotein of about 20,000 molecular weight (M. Wiranowska-Stewart, et al., "Contributions Of Carbohydrate Moieties To The Physical And Biological Properties Of Human Leukocyte, Lymphoblastoid And Fibroblast Interferons", Abst. Ann. Meeting Amer. Soc. Microbiol., p. 246 (1978)). Its amino-acid composition has been determined
- 10 (E. Knight, Jr., et al., "Human Fibroblast Interferon: Amino Acid Analysis And Amino-Terminal Amino Acid Sequence", Science, 207, pp. 525-26 (1980)). Elucidation of its amino acid sequence is in progress. To date, the amino acid sequence of the NH<sub>2</sub> terminus of the mature protein
- 15 has been reported for the first 13 amino acid residues: Met-Ser-Tyr-Asn-Leu-Leu-Gly-Phe-Leu-Gln-Arg-Ser-Ser... (E. Knight, Jr., et al., supra). Two distinct genes, one located on chromosome 2, the other on chromosome 5, have been reported to code for F IF (D. L. Slate and
- 20 F. H. Ruddle, "Fibroblast Interferon In Man Is Coded By Two Loci On Separate Chromosomes", Cell, 16, pp. 171-80 (1979)). Other studies, however, indicate that the gene for F IF is located on chromosome 9 (A. Medger, et al., "Involvement Of A Gene On Chromosome 9 In Human Fibroblast
- 25 Interferon Production", Nature, 280, pp. 493-95 (1979)).
- Le IF has likewise been purified and characterized. Two components have been described, one of 21000 to 22000 and the other of 15000 to 18000 molecular weight (K. C. Zoon, et al., "Purification And Partial
- 30 Characterization Of Human Lymphoblastoid Interferon", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 76, pp. 5601-605 (1979)). A portion of the amino acid sequence of Le IF has also been determined, i.e., 20 amino acids from the amino terminus of the mature protein (K. C. Zoon, et al.,
- 35 "Amino-Terminal Sequence Of The Major Component Of Human

Lymphoblastoid Interferon", Science, 207, pp. 527-28 (1980)).

5 A comparison of the initial amino acid sequence of F IF and Le IF reveals no detectable homology within the first 13 amino acids. The total amino acid compositions of the two species are also distinct. In addition, degradation of the sugar residues of the two species by periodate indicates that the carbohydrate structure of the two IFs is different (M. Wiranowska-Stewart, et al.,  
10 supra).

The two species of HIF have a number of different properties. For example, anti-human Le IF antibodies are less efficient against F IF and anti-sera to human F IF have no activity against human Le IF (The Interferon System, p. 151). Le IF displays a high  
15 degree of activity in cell cultures of bovine, feline or porcine origin whereas F IF is hardly active in those cells but has been reported to be active in rat cells (P. Duc-Goiran, et al., "Studies On Virus-Induced Interferons Produced By The Human Amniotic Membrane And White  
20 Blood Cells", Arch. Ges. Virus Forsch., 34, pp. 232-43 (1971)). In addition, the two IFs result from different mRNA species (and therefore from presumably different structural genes) that code for polypeptides of different  
25 primary sequence (R. L. Cavallieri, et al., "Synthesis of Human Interferon By Xenopus laevis Oocytes: Two Structural Genes For Interferon In Human Cells", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 74, pp. 3287-91 (1977)).

Although both Le and F IFs occur in a glycosylated form, removal of the carbohydrate moiety (P. J. Bridgen, et al., "Human Lymphoblastoid Interferon",  
30 J. Biol. Chem., 252, pp. 8585-87 (1977)) or synthesis of IF in the presence of inhibitors which preclude glycosylation (W. E. Stewart, II, et al., "Effect of Glycosylation Inhibitors On The Production And Properties Of  
35 Human Leukocyte Interferon", Virology, 97, pp. 473-76

(1979); J. Fujisawa, et al., "Nonglycosylated Mouse L Cell Interferon Produced By The Action Of Tunicamycin", J. Biol. Chem., 253, pp. 8677-79 (1978); E. A. Havell, et al., "Altered Molecular Species Of Human Interferon Produced In The Presence Of Inhibitors of Glycosylation", J. Biol. Chem., 252, pp. 4425-27 (1977); The Interferon System, p. 181) yields a smaller form of IF which still retains most or all of its IF activity.

Both F IF and Le IF may, like many human proteins, be polymorphic. Therefore, cells of particular individuals may produce IF species within each of the more general F IF and Le IF classes which are physiologically similar but structurally slightly different than the prototype of the class of which it is a part. Therefore, while the protein structure of the F IF or Le IF may be generally well-defined, particular individuals may produce IFs that are slight variations thereof.

IF is usually not detectable in normal or healthy cells (The Interferon System, pp. 55-57). Instead, the protein is produced as a result of the cell's exposure to an IF inducer. IF inducers are usually viruses but may also be non-viral in character, such as natural or synthetic double-stranded RNA, intracellular microbes, microbial products and various chemical agents. Numerous attempts have been made to take advantage of these non-viral inducers to render human cells resistant to viral infection (S. Baron and F. Dianzani (eds.), Texas Reports On Biology And Medicine, 35 ("Texas Reports"), pp. 528-40 (1977)). These attempts have not been very successful. Instead, use of exogenous IF itself is now preferred.

As an antiviral agent, RIF has been used to treat the following: respiratory infections (Texas Reports, pp. 486-96); herpes simplex keratitis (Texas Reports, pp. 497-500; R. Sundmacher, "Exogenous Interferon in Eye Diseases", International Virology IV, The

Hague, Abstract nr. W2/11, p. 99 (1978)); acute hemorrhagic conjunctivitis (Texas Reports, pp. 501-10); adenovirus keratoconjunctivitis (A. Romano, et al., ISM Memo I-A3111 (October, 1979)); varicella zoster (Texas Reports, pp. 511-15); cytomegalovirus infection (Texas Reports, pp. 523-27); and hepatitis B (Texas Reports, pp. 516-22). See also The Interferon System, pp. 307-19. In these treatments F IF and Le IF may display different dose/response curves. However, large-scale use of IF as an antiviral agent requires larger amounts of HIF than heretofore have been available.

IF has other effects in addition to its antiviral action. For example, it antagonizes the effect of colony stimulating factor, inhibits the growth of hemopoietic colony-forming cells and interferes with the normal differentiation of granulocyte and macrophage precursors (Texas Reports, pp. 343-49). It also inhibits erythroid differentiation in DMSO-treated Friend leukemia cells (Texas Reports, pp. 423-26). Some cell lines may be considerably more sensitive to F IF than to Le IF in these regards (S. Einhorn and H. Strander, "Is Interferon Tissue-Specific? - Effect Of Human Leukocyte And Fibroblast Interferons On The Growth Of Lymphoblastoid And Osteosarcoma Cell Lines", J. Gen. Virol., 35, pp. 573-77 (1977); T. Kuwata, et al., "Comparison Of The Suppression Of Cell And Virus Growth In Transformed Human Cells By Leukocyte And Fibroblast Interferon", J. Gen. Virol., 43, pp. 435-39 (1979)).

IF may also play a role in regulation of the immune response. For example, depending upon the dose and time of application in relation to antigen, IF can be both immunopotentiating and immunosuppressive in vivo and in vitro (Texas Reports, pp. 357-69). In addition, specifically sensitized lymphocytes have been observed to produce IF after contact with antigen. Such antigen-induced IF could therefore be a regulator of the immune

response, affecting both circulating antigen levels and expression of cellular immunity (Texas Reports pp. 370-74). IF is also known to enhance the activity of killer lymphocytes and antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (R. R. Herberman, et al., "Augmentation By Interferon Of Human Natural And Antibody-Dependent Cell-Mediated Cytotoxicity", Nature, 277, pp. 221-23 (1979); P. Beverley and D. Knight, "Killing Comes Naturally", Nature, 278, pp. 119-20 (1979); Texas Reports, pp. 375-80; J. R. Huddlestone, et al., "Induction And Kinetics Of Natural Killer Cells In Humans Following Interferon Therapy", Nature, 282, pp. 417-19 (1979); S. Einhorn, et al., "Interferon And Spontaneous Cytotoxicity In Man. II. Studies In Patients Receiving Exogenous Leukocyte Interferon", Acta Med. Scand., 204, pp. 477-83 (1978)). Both may be directly or indirectly involved in the immunological attack on tumor cells.

Therefore, in addition to its use as a human antiviral agent, HIF has potential application in anti-tumor and anticancer therapy (The Interferon System, pp. 319-21 and 394-99). It is now known that IFs affect the growth of many classes of tumors in many animals (The Interferon System, pp. 292-304). They, like other anti-tumor agents, seem most effective when directed against small tumors. The antitumor effects of animal IF are dependent on dosage and time but have been demonstrated at concentrations below toxic levels. Accordingly, numerous investigations and clinical trials have been and continue to be conducted into the antitumor and anticancer properties of HIFs. These include treatment of several malignant diseases such as osteosarcoma, acute myeloid leukemia, multiple myeloma and Hodgkin's disease (Texas Reports, pp. 429-35). In addition, F IF has recently been shown to cause local tumor regression when injected into subcutaneous tumoral nodules in melanoma and breast carcinoma-affected patients (T. Nemoto,



et al., "Human Interferons And Intralesional Therapy Of  
Melanoma And Breast Carcinoma", Amer. Assoc. For Cancer  
Research, Abs. nr. 993, p. 246 (1979)). Significantly  
some cell lines which resist the anticellular effects of  
Le IF remain sensitive to F IF. This differential  
effect suggests that F IF may be usefully employed  
against certain classes of resistant tumor cells which  
appear under selective pressure in patients treated with  
high doses of Le IF (T. Kuwata, et al., supra; A. A.  
Cressy, et al., "The Role of G<sub>0</sub>-G<sub>1</sub> Arrest In The Inhibition  
Of Tumor Cell Growth By Interferon", Abstracts,  
Conference On Regulatory Functions Of Interferons, N.Y.  
Acad. Sci., nr. 17 (October 23-26, 1979)). Although the  
results of these clinical tests are encouraging, the  
antitumor and anticancer applications of HIF have been  
severely hampered by lack of an adequate supply of  
purified HIF.

At the biochemical level IFs induce the forma-  
tion of at least 3 proteins, a protein kinase (B. Lebleu,  
et al., "Interferon, Double-Stranded RNA And Protein  
Phosphorylation", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 73,  
pp. 3107-11 (1976); A. G. Hovanessian and I. M. Kerr,  
"The (2'-5') Oligoadenylate (ppp A2'-5A2'-5'A) Synthetase  
And Protein Kinase(s) From Interferon-Treated Cells",  
Eur. J. Biochem., 93, pp. 515-26 (1979)), a (2'-5')oligo(A)  
polymerase (A. G. Hovanessian, et al., "Synthesis Of  
Low-Molecular Weight Inhibitor Of Protein Synthesis With  
Enzyme From Interferon-Treated Cells", Nature, 269,  
pp. 537-39 (1977); A. G. Hovanessian and I. M. Kerr,  
Eur. J. Biochem., supra) and a phosphodiesterase (A. Schmidt,  
et al., "An Interferon-Induced Phosphodiesterase Degrading  
(2'-5')oligoadenylate And The C-C-A Terminus Of  
tRNA", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 76, pp. 4788-92  
(1979)). Both F IF and Le IF appear to trigger similar  
enzymatic pathways (C. Baglioni, "Interferon-Induced  
Enzymatic Activities And Their Role In The Antiviral

state", Cell, 17, pp. 255-64 (1979)) and both may share a common active core because they both recognize a chromosome 21-coded cell receptor (M. Wiranowska-Stewart, "The Role Of Human Chromosome 21 In Sensitivity To Interferons", J. Gen. Virol., 37, pp. 629-34 (1977)). The appearance of one or more of these enzymes in cells treated with IF should allow a further characterization of proteins with IF-like activity.

Today, F IF is produced by human cell lines grown in tissue culture. It is a low yield, expensive process. One large producer makes only  $40-50 \times 10^8$  units of crude F IF per year (V. G. Edy, et al., "Human Interferon: Large Scale Production In Embryo Fibroblast Cultures", in Human Interferon (W. R. Stinebring and P. J. Chapple, eds.), Plenum Publishing Corp., pp. 55-60 (1979)). On purification by adsorption to controlled pore glass beads, F IF of specific activity of about  $10^6$  units/mg may be recovered in 50% yield from the crude cell extracts (A. Billiau, et al., "Human Fibroblast Interferon For Clinical Trials: Production, Partial Purification And Characterization", Antimicrobial Agents And Chemotherapy, pp. 49-55 (1979)). Further purification to a specific activity of about  $10^9$  units/mg is accomplished by zinc chelate affinity chromatography in about 100% yield (A. Billiau, et al., "Production, Purification And Properties Of Human Fibroblast Interferon", Abstracts, Conference On Regulatory Functions Of Interferons, N.Y. Acad. Sci., nr 29 (October 23-26, 1979)). Because the specific activity of F IF is so high, the amount of F IF required for commercial applications is low. For example, 100 g of pure IF would provide between 3 and 30 million doses.

Recent advances in molecular biology have made it possible to introduce the DNA coding for specific non-bacterial eukaryotic proteins into bacterial cells. In general, with DNA other than that prepared via chemical

synthesis, the construction of such recombinant DNA molecules comprises the steps of producing a single-stranded DNA copy (cDNA) of a purified messenger RNA (mRNA) template for the desired protein; converting the cDNA to double-stranded DNA; linking the DNA to an appropriate site in an appropriate cloning vehicle to form a recombinant DNA molecule and transforming an appropriate host with that recombinant DNA molecule. Such transformation may permit the host to produce the desired protein. Several non-bacterial genes and proteins have been obtained in E. coli using recombinant DNA technology. These include, for example, Le IF (C. Weissmann, et al., Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 16, 1980). In addition, recombinant DNA technology has been employed to produce a plasmid said to contain a gene sequence coding for F IF (T. Taniguchi, et al., "Construction And Identification Of A Bacterial Plasmid Containing The Human Fibroblast Interferon Gene Sequence", Proc. Japan Acad. Ser. B, 55, pp. 464-69 (1979)).

However, in neither of the foregoing has the actual gene sequence of F IF been described and in neither has that sequence been compared to the initial amino acid sequence or amino acid composition of authentic F IF. The former work is directed only to Le IF, a distinct chemical, biological and immunological Class I interferon from F IF (cf. supra). The latter report is based solely on hybridization data. These data do not enable one to determine if the selected clone contains the complete or actual gene sequence coding for F IF or if the cloned gene sequence will be able to express F IF in bacteria. Hybridization only establishes that a particular DNA insert is to some extent homologous with and complementary to a mRNA component of the poly(A)RNA that induces interferon activity when injected into cocytes. Moreover, the extent of any homology is dependant

on the hybridization conditions chosen for the screening process. Therefore, hybridization to a mRNA component of poly(A) RNA alone does not demonstrate that the selected DNA sequence is a sequence which codes for F IF or a polypeptide which displays the immunological or biological activity of F IF.

At a seminar in Zurich on February 25, 1980, Taniguchi stated that he had determined the nucleotide sequence for his hybridizing clone. He also stated that the first 13 amino acids coded for by that sequence were identical to that determined by Knight, *et al.*, *supra*, for authentic F IF. Taniguchi did not disclose the full nucleotide sequence for his clone or compare its amino acid composition with that determined for authentic F IF. Nor is this invention addressed as is the apparent suggestion of Research Disclosure No. 16309, pp. 361-62 (1979) to prepare pure or substantially pure IF mRNA before attempting to clone the IF gene.

#### DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The present invention avoids the uncertainties referred to by providing the identification and a source of a structural gene whose nucleotide sequence is substantially consistent with the known amino acid composition and sequence of authentic F IF.

By virtue of this invention, it is therefore possible to obtain a structural gene that codes for a polypeptide whose amino acid sequence and composition is substantially consistent with authentic F IF. Replication of these genes in appropriate recombinant DNA molecule-host combinations permits the production of large quantities of these genes. These genes are useful, either as produced in the host or after appropriate derivatization or modification, in compositions and methods for detecting and improving the production of

these products themselves and in selecting other genes related thereto.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a schematic outline of one embodiment of a process of this invention for preparing a mixture of recombinant DNA molecules, some of which are characterized by inserted DNA sequences that characterize this invention.

Figure 2 is a schematic outline of the initial clone screening process of this invention.

Figure 3 is a schematic outline of one embodiment of a clone screening process using DNA sequences prepared in accordance with the invention.

Figure 4 displays the nucleotide sequence of a composite DNA insert to a recombinant DNA molecule of this invention. The sequence is numbered from the beginning of the insert well into the untranslated area of the insert. Nucleotides 85-127 represent a signal sequence and nucleotides 128-625 represent the "mature" fibroblast interferon. The amino acid sequences of the signal polypeptide are depicted above their respective nucleotide sequences; the amino acids of the signal polypeptide being numbered from -21 to -1 and its other mature interferon from 1 to 166. ~~Nucleotide sequences of the mature interferon are also depicted in Figure 4.~~

Figure 5 displays the orientation and restriction maps of several plasmids in accordance with this invention.

Figure 6 is a comparison of the amino acid composition of human fibroblast interferon as determined in accordance with this invention and that determined from authentic fibroblast interferon.

Figure 7 displays a restriction map of the FIF gene of this invention and the sequencing strategy used in sequencing pHFIF3, pHFIF6 and pHFIF7.

BEST MODE OF CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

In order that the invention herein described may be more fully understood, the following detailed description is set forth.

In the description the following terms are employed:

Nucleotide--A monomeric unit of DNA or RNA consisting of a sugar moiety (pentose), a phosphate, and a nitrogenous heterocyclic base. The base is linked to the sugar moiety via the glycosidic carbon (1' carbon of the pentose) and that combination of base and sugar is called a nucleoside. The base characterizes the nucleotide. The four DNA bases are adenine ("A"), guanine ("G"), cytosine ("C"), and thymine ("T"). The four bases are A, G, C and uracil ("U").

DNA Sequence--A linear array of nucleotides connected one to the other by phosphodiester bonds between the 3' and 5' carbons of adjacent pentoses.

Codon--A DNA sequence of three nucleotides (a triplet) which encodes through mRNA an amino acid, a translation start signal or a translation termination signal. For example, the nucleotide triplets TTA, TTC, CTT, CTC, CTA and CTG encode for the amino acid leucine ("Leu"). TAG, TAA and TGA are translation stop signals and ATG is a translation start signal.

Reading Frame--The grouping of codons during translation of mRNA into amino acid sequences. During translation the proper reading frame must be maintained. For example, the sequence GCCTGTTCTAAG may be translated in three reading frames or phases, each of which affords a different amino acid sequence:

GCT GGT TGT AAG--Ala-Gly-Cys-Lys  
G CTG GTT GTA AG--Leu-Val-Val  
GC TGC TTG TAA G--Trp-Leu-(STOP)

Polypeptide--A linear array of amino acids connected one to the other by peptide bonds between the -amino and carboxy groups of adjacent amino acids.

Genome--The entire DNA of a cell or a virus. It includes inter alia the structural genes coding for the polypeptides of the substance, as well as operator, promoter and ribosome binding and interaction sequences, including sequences such as the Shine-Dalgarno sequences.

Structural Gene--A DNA sequence which encodes through its template or messenger RNA ("mRNA") a sequence of amino acids characteristic of a specific polypeptide.

Transcription--The process of producing mRNA from a structural gene.

Translation--The process of producing a polypeptide from mRNA.

Expression--The process undergone by a structural gene to produce a polypeptide. It is a combination of transcription and translation.

Plasmid--A nonchromosomal double-stranded DNA sequence comprising an intact "replicon" such that the plasmid is replicated in a host cell. When the plasmid is placed within a unicellular organism, the characteristics of that organism may be changed or transformed as a result of the DNA of the plasmid. For example, a plasmid carrying the gene for tetracycline resistance ( $Tet^R$ ) transforms a cell previously sensitive to tetracycline into one which is resistant to it. A cell transformed by a plasmid is called a "transformant".

Phage or Bacteriophage--Bacterial virus many of which consist of DNA sequences encapsidated in a protein envelope or coat ("capsid").

Cloning Vehicle--A plasmid, phage DNA or other DNA sequence which is able to replicate in a host cell, characterized by one or a small number of endonuclease recognition sites at which such DNA sequences may be cut in a determinable fashion without attendant loss of an

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		1.2	0 <sup>xx</sup>
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		0.7	≤0.2 <sup>x</sup>
		1.0	0 <sup>xx</sup>
	0 <sub>1/6</sub>	0.7	0
		1.0	≤0.2 <sup>x</sup>
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		1.2	0 <sup>x</sup>
		<0.2	0.5 <sup>xx</sup>
	0 <sub>1/8</sub>	0	1.7 <sup>x</sup>
15		<0.2	1.2 <sup>x</sup>
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\* DBM cellulose paper method

xx Nitrocellulose sheets

20 Therefore, clone 0<sub>1/8</sub> contains a recombinant DNA molecule capable of hybridizing F<sub>1</sub> IF mRNA from total RNA containing F<sub>1</sub> IF mRNA. Non-specific RNA-DNA binding is highly unlikely, because a comparison of Fractions 1A and 4A revealed substantially no non-specific binding of STNV DNA in these

25 same experiments. E.g., as monitored by translation in a rabbit reticulocyte lysate in the presence of <sup>35</sup>S-methionine, followed by gel electrophoresis, as described above. Clone 0<sub>1/8</sub> was designated E. coli KB101 (C-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF1 ("C-KB101-pHFIF1"), its recombinant DNA molecule C-pBR322 (Pst)HFIF1 ("pHFIF1") and its hybrid insert "HFIF1 fragment". This nomenclature indicates that the clone and recombinant DNA molecule originated in Clont ("C") and comprises plasmid pBR322 containing, at the PstI site HFIF cDNA ("HFIF"), the particular molecule being the first

30 located.



IDENTIFICATION OF CLONES CONTAINING RECOMBINANT  
DNA-MOLECULES CROSS-HYBRIDIZING TO pPHIF1

pPHIF1, isolated above, was used to screen the library of clones, prepared previously, for bacterial clones containing recombinant DNA molecules having related hybrid DNA inserts, by colony hybridization (M. Grunstein and D.S. Hogness, "A Method For The Isolation Of Cloned DNA's That Contain A Specific Gene", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 72, pp. 3961-3965 (1975)). This method allows rapid identification of related clones by hybridization of a radioactive probe to the DNA of lysed bacterial colonies fixed in nitrocellulose filters.

The library of clones stored in microtiter plates as described above, was replicated on similar size nitrocellulose sheets (0.45  $\mu$ m pore-diameter, Schleicher and Schuel or Millipore), which had been previously boiled to remove detergent, and the sheets placed on LB-agar plates, containing tetracycline at 10  $\mu$ g/ml. Bacterial colonies were grown overnight at 37°C. Lysis and fixation of the bacteria on the nitrocellulose sheets took place by washing consecutively in 0.5 M NaCl (twice for 7 min), 1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) (7 min), 0.5 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) and 1.5 M NaCl (7 min), 2 x SSC (0.15 M NaCl, 0.015 M sodium citrate (pH 7.2) (for 7 min)). After thorough rinsing with ethanol and air drying, the sheets were baked at 80°C for 2 h in vacuo and stored at room temperature.

A Hinf I restriction fragment specific for the pPHIF1 fragment (infra) served as the probe for colony hybridization, described infra. This fragment (~170 base-pairs) was purified by electrophoresis of the Hinf digestion products of pPHIF1 in a 5% polyacrylamide gel. After staining the DNA bands with ethidiumbromide, the specific fragment was eluted, reelectrophoresed and <sup>32</sup>P-labelled by "nick translation" (P.W.J. Rigby et al., "Labeling Deoxyribonucleic Acid To High Specific Activity In Vitro By Nick Translation With DNA Polymerase I", J. Mol. Biol.,

237-251 (1977)) by incubation in 50  $\mu$ l 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 10 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 30 mM 8-hydroxyoctanediol, 2.5  $\mu$ l each of dGTP, dTTP and dCTP at 400  $\mu$ M, 2.5  $\mu$ l  $\gamma$ - $^{32}$ P-ATP (Amersham, 2000 Ci/mole) and 2.5  $\mu$ l of DNA-polymerase I (Boehringer) at 14°C for 45 min. The unincorporated deoxynucleoside triphosphates were removed by extraction over Sephadex G-50 in T.E. buffer. The  $^{32}$ P-labelled DNA was precipitated with 0.1 vol of 3 M sodium acetate (pH 5.1) and 2.5 vol of ethanol at -80°C.

Hybridization of the above probe to the filter integrated DNA was carried out essentially as described by B. Kanaban and M. Meselson (personal communication): the filters, prepared above, were preincubated for 2 h at 68°C in 0.1% Ficoll, 0.1% polyvinylpyrrolidone, 0.1% bovine serum albumin, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.03 M Tris-HCl (pH 8), 1 mM EDTA, and rinsed with 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinylpyrrolidone, 0.02% bovine serum albumin, 0.75 M NaCl, 0.15 M Tris-HCl (pH 8), 5 mM EDTA and 0.5% SDS. The hybridization proceeded overnight at 68°C in a solution identical to the rinsing solution above using the  $^{32}$ P-labelled probe which had been denatured at 100°C for 5 min prior to use. The hybridized filters were washed twice with 0.3 M NaCl, 0.06 M Tris-HCl (pH 8), 2 mM EDTA for 2 h at 68°C before air drying and autoradiography.

About 1350 clones, originating from the 800-900 DNA size class, were screened. Thirteen colonies, including pHFIF1, gave a positive result. These clones were designated C-HB101-pHFIF1 to 13 and their recombinant DNA molecules pHFIF1 to 13. One of the clones, pHFIF2, was hybridized with poly(A) mRNA containing F IF mRNA and assayed using DE8-cellulose paper (Suora). Because the total IF-RNA activity was detected in the hybridized fraction and the unhybridized RNA did not contain any detectable activity, it is clear that clones identified by colony hybridization to a part of the pHFIF1 fragment also hybridize to F IF mRNA.

It is, of course, evident that this method of clone screening may be employed equally well on other clones containing DNA sequences arising from recombinant DNA technology, synthesis, natural sources or a combination thereof or clones containing DNA sequences related to any of the above DNA sequences by mutation, including single or multiple, base substitutions, insertions, inversions, or deletions. Therefore, such DNA sequences and their identification also fall within this invention. It is also to be understood that DNA sequences, which are not screened by the above DNA sequences, yet which as a result of their arrangement of nucleotides code for those polypeptides coded for by the above DNA sequences also fall within this invention.

15 CHARACTERIZATION OF THE P IF-RELATED RECOMBINANT PLASMIDS

The thirteen clones which were detected by colony hybridization were further characterized. A physical map of the inserts of these clones was constructed and the orientation of the inserts in the various clones was determined.

20 The physical maps of the plasmids were constructed by digestion with various restriction enzymes (New England Biolabs) in 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 7 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 7 mM β-mercaptoethanol at 37°C by well-known procedures. The products of digestion were electrophoresed in 2.2% agarose or 6% polyacrylamide gels in 40 mM Tris-SCA<sub>2</sub> (pH 7.5), 20 mM EDTA. They were analyzed after visualization by staining with ethidiumbromide and compared with the detailed physical map of pBR322 (J.G. Sutcliffe, *supra*). Restriction maps of the different plasmids were constructed on the basis of these digestion patterns. These were refined by sequencing the DNA inserts in various of the plasmids, substantially by the procedure of A.M. Maxam and W. Gilbert "A New Method For Sequencing DNA", *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 74, pp. 350-354 (1977).

35 Plasmid DNA was prepared from various of the pHTF1-13 in accordance with this invention by the method

The comparison of the first 13 amino acids of authentic fibroblast interferon (Knights et al., supra) and the sequence deduced from the composite gene of Fig. 4 shows no differences. The amino acid compositions determined directly for authentic fibroblast interferon on the one hand and that deduced from the sequence of the composite gene of this invention on the other also show substantial similarities. Fig. 6 displays a comparison of these compositions.

Although none of the recombinant DNA molecules prepared in accordance with this invention contain the complete DNA sequence for fibroblast interferon, a combination of portions of the inserts of these recombinant DNA molecules to afford the complete F IF DNA gene sequence is within the skill of the art. For example, by reference to Fig. 5, it can readily be seen that the PstI-BalII fragment of pHFIF6 could be joined with the PstI-HaeII fragment of pHFIF7 or the EcoRI-PstI fragment of pHFIF6 could be joined with the PstI-HaeII fragment of pHFIF7 or the BalII-PstI fragment of pHFIF6 could be joined with the PstI-BalII fragment of clone 7 to form the composite F IF gene. The joining of these fragments could be done before or after insertion into a desired plasmid.

Microorganisms and recombinant DNA molecules prepared by the processes described herein are exemplified by cultures deposited in the culture collection Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen in Göttingen, West Germany on April 2, 1980, and identified as HFIF-A to C:

- A: E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF3)
- B: E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF6)
- C: E. coli HB101 (G-pBR322(Pst)/HFIF7)

These cultures were assigned accession numbers DSM 1791-1793, respectively.

While we have herein before presented a number of embodiments of this invention, it is apparent that our basic construction can be altered to provide other embodiments which utilize the processes and compositions of this invention. Therefore, it will be appreciated that the

10 V63 cells  
 ↓  
 Poly (I, C)  
 Cycloheximide

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Fig. 1

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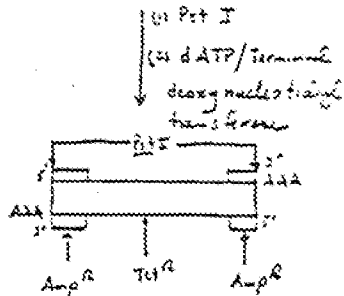
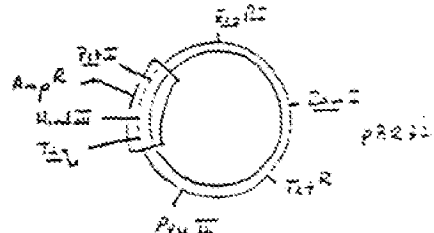
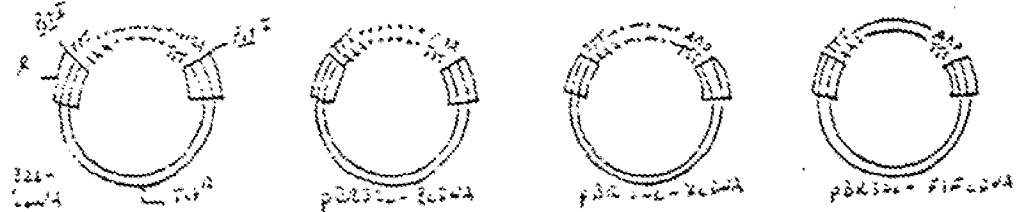
12 Diethyl V63 cells  
 ↓  
 lysis  
 - decontamination

24h RNA  
 ↓  
 oligo (dT) cellulose  
 formamide-sucrose gradient  
 λmRNA  
 poly(A) RNA  
 F1mRNA

Reverse  
 transcription  
 cDNA  
 F1cDNA

Double-stranded cDNA

dATP / Terminal  
 deoxynucleotidyl transferase



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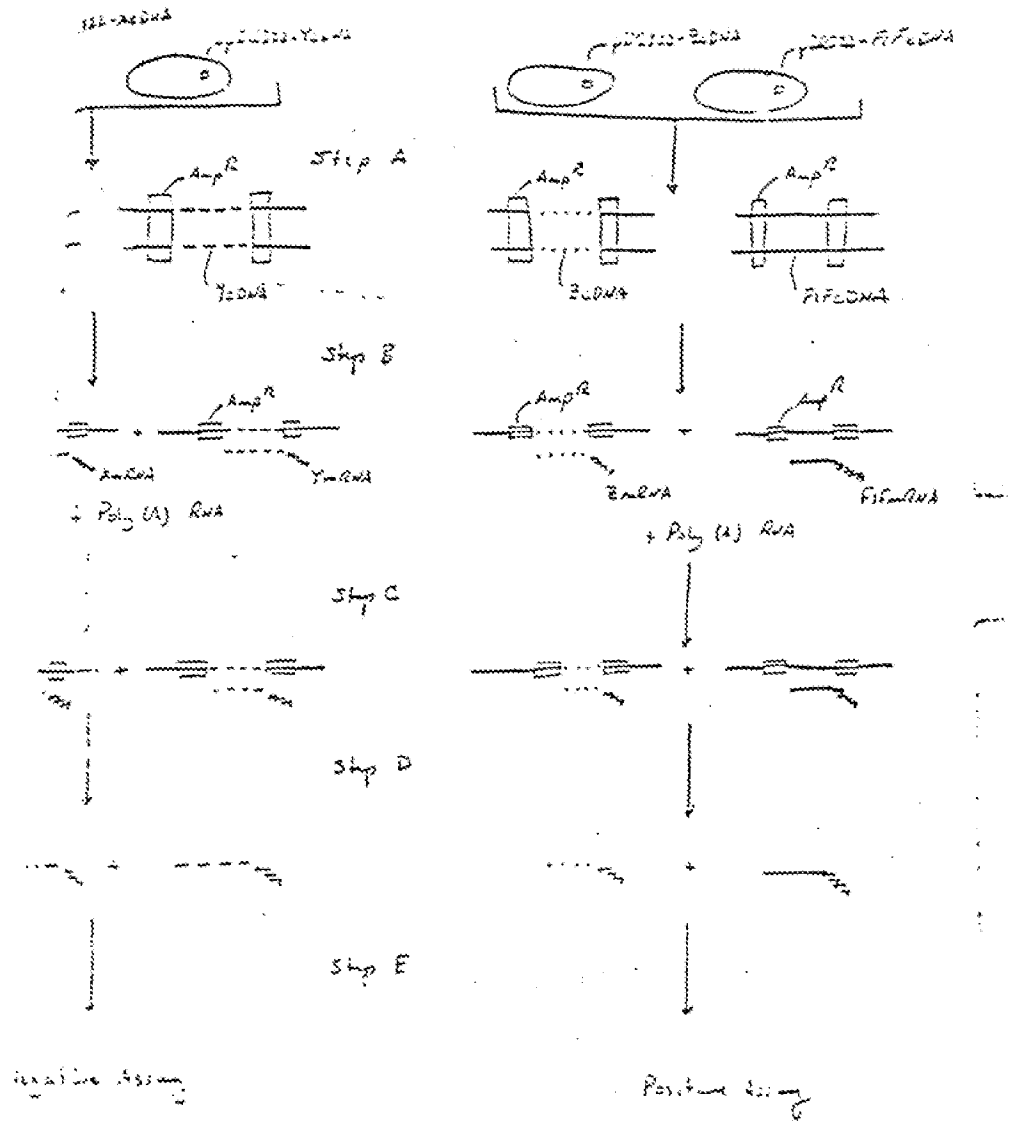


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E. coli ND 101

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pR322-ZcDNA  
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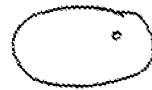
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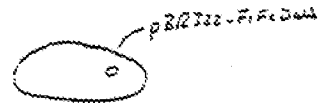
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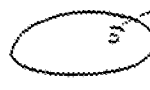


X-ray  
Exposure

Negative Response



32P- $\alpha$ -HAT- $\alpha$ -HAT I  
fragment



X-ray  
Exposure

Positive Response

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Amino Acid Composition of Human Fibronectin

Amino Acid	Composition		
	from direct analysis by Tan et al.	from direct analysis by Knight et al.	deduced from nucleotide sequence
Asp	20.6	18.9	5
Asn			12
Thr	18.0	6.8	7
Ser	11.7	10.5	9
Glu			13
Gln	27.5	27.0	11
Pro	4.4	2.7	1
Gly	5.4	7.8	6
Ala	9.3	10.0	6
Cys	N.D.	1.7	3
Val	7.9	6.0	5
Met	trace	2.9	4
Ile	10.0	9.0	11
Leu	25.9	20.4	24
Tyr	3.2	7.5	10
Phe	7.7	9.4	9
His	4.6	4.9	5
Lys	12.3	11.6	11
Arg	8.6	10.9	11
Trp	0.0	1.0	3
TOTAL	168	169	166

Fig. 6

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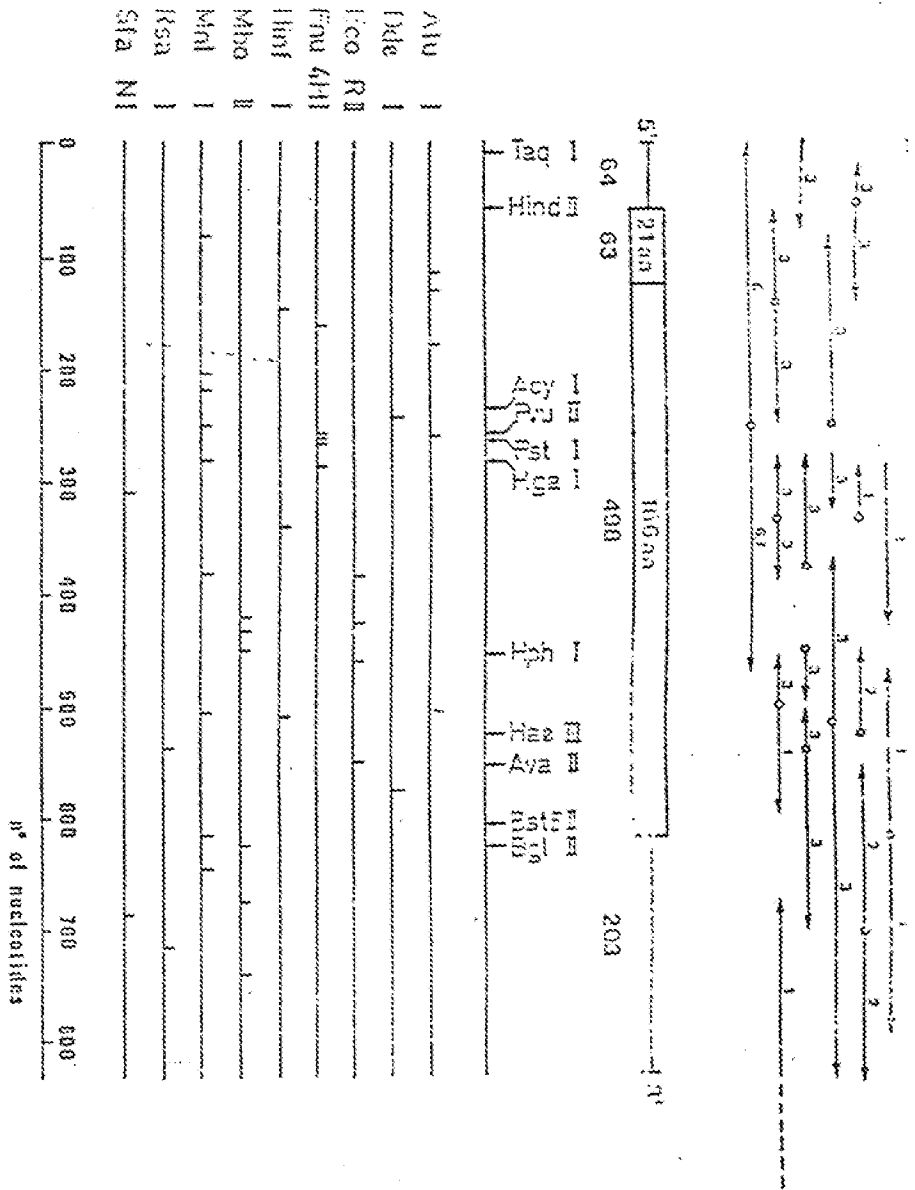


Fig. 7

Interferon clones

Uitgaande van Clone 3

informatie uitgedrukt met Tac in het plankuonok  
pBR322 gedeelte  
GC getaald in de Pot uite van SRK1277

Clones SRK13-4 : Sense orientatie  
SRK13-3 : Non-sense orientatie

Testen of authenticiteit : negatief.

Uitgaande van combinatie van Clone 6 met Clone 7

A) EcoR<sub>1</sub> - Pot uit clone 6 } van SRK2311  
Pot - HaeIII uit clone 7 }

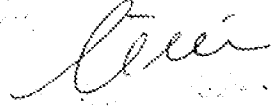
1 Clone: pPLa HFIF 67-1  
(geenikt in K12 m<sup>+</sup>(λ) en overgehaalt  
naar HF<sub>1</sub> (-2 dan clone analyse bevestigd)  
act van H 5219

B) BglII - Pot uit clone 6 } van Bam site  
Pot - BglII uit clone 7 } van

of ST28  
ST224

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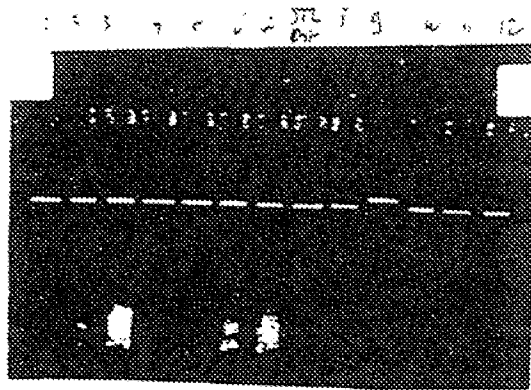
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In presence of examiner  
en présence de l'examineur

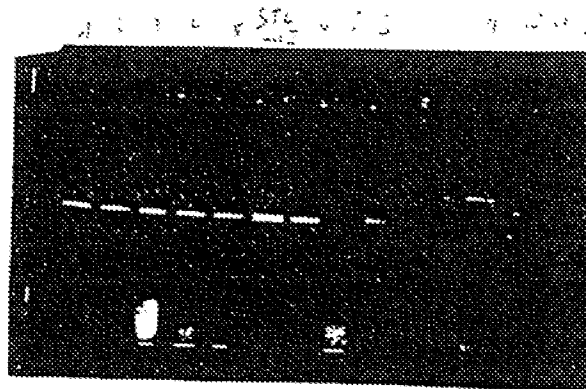
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sworn before me  
this 19th day of November, 2001

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12 clones wt NF1 pSTL24 BglII 6-7



Pst



Hla II

Interfused clones

Witgande van Clone 3

informatie uitgedrukt met Tac in het plankuimok  
p BR 322 gadeelt  
6C getailed in de Pot site van SRK1277

Clones: SRK13-4 : Sense orientatie  
SRK13-3 : Nonsense orientatie

Testen of aktiviteit : negatief.

Witgande van kontinatie van Clone 6 met Clone 7

A) EcoR<sub>1</sub> - Pot uit clone 6 } van SRK2377  
Pot - HaeIII uit clone 7 }

1 Clone: pPLa HFIF (7-7)  
(geenakt in K12 m<sup>+</sup> (A) en ingeschaakt  
aan NF<sub>1</sub> (-4 dan clone anilips (overstap)  
ook van H 5219

B) BglII - Pot uit clone 6 } van Ban site  
Pot - BglII uit clone 7 } van

ST28  
STL24

Del 30

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In presence of examinator  
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## Detail van constructie B.

2  $\mu$ g Cl 6  
2  $\mu$ g Cl 7 } geknipt met Pst & Bgl II

gehygeerd 4 uur in aanwezigheid van Bgl II  
25°C

helpft naar 1  $\mu$ g Bam geknipt met pST28

helpft naar 5  $\mu$ l Cl. km. Bam geknipt met pSTL24

gehygeerd in aanwezigheid van Bam & Bgl II  
76 uur 25°C

nog ingeknipt met Bam

telkens helpft getransformeerd naar  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} K12 \sim m^+(N) \\ NF_1 \end{array} \right.$

### Transformanten

$\pm$  totaal

NF<sub>1</sub> met ST28 Bgl II 1-7 : 300

NF<sub>1</sub> met STL24 Bgl II 1-7 : 50

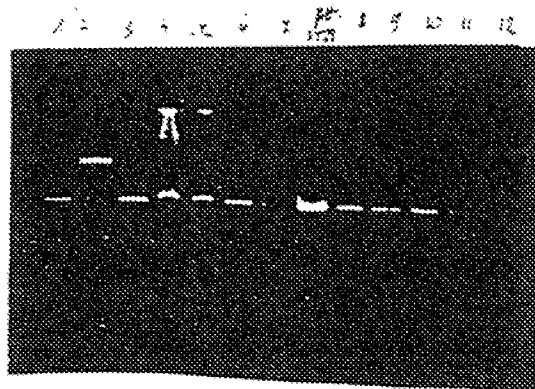
K12 met ST28 Bgl II 1-7 : 1000

K12 met STL24 Bgl II 1-7 : 500

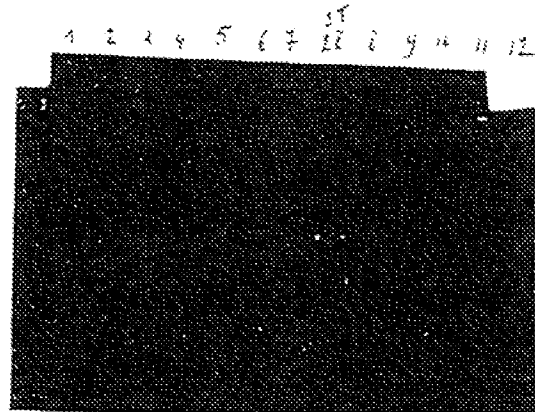
Clone Analysis can transform to

Mini SDS method

12 clones with NF<sub>1</sub> met ST28 PgII 6-7

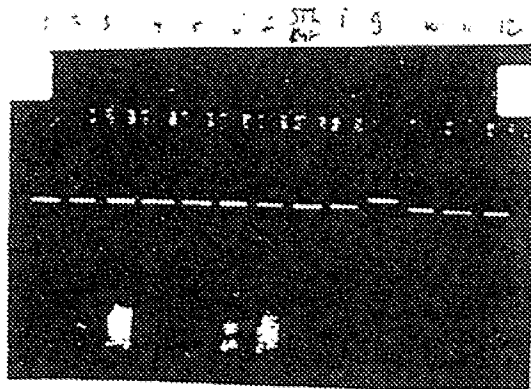


Post  
digest

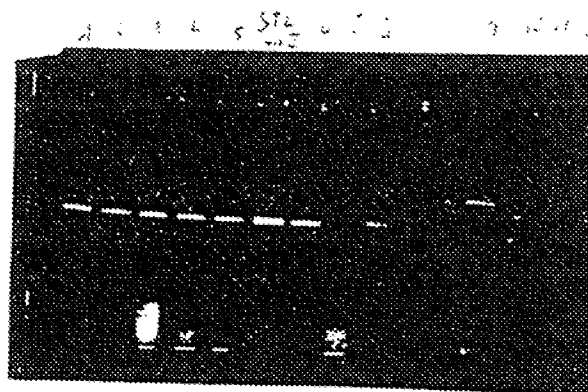


Min 2  
digest

12 clones met RF, pSTL24 Fig II 1-7



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Hint II



ST. klonen: 11 originele ST28 clones  
 1 heeft 2 Pot sites maar is veel te groot  
 heeft 1 H12 = fragmenten

STL derivaten: 11 originele clones  
 1 is iets beter maar heeft slechts 1 Pot site

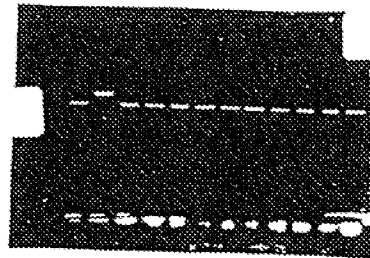
Vueli: werk met STL derivaten

20 kolonies werden gekloond in 4 ml 10 mM Tris  
 12 opstellingen

daaruit werd DNA geïsoleerd en geëigend met  
 Bam → Transformation naar  $4.12 \times 10^{-6}$  (A)

Per opstelling werd 1 transformant geselecteerd  
 naar 303 methode

Restituten met Pot



→ geen enkele clone heeft 2 Pot sites  
 → op 1 na zijn ze alle originele STL29